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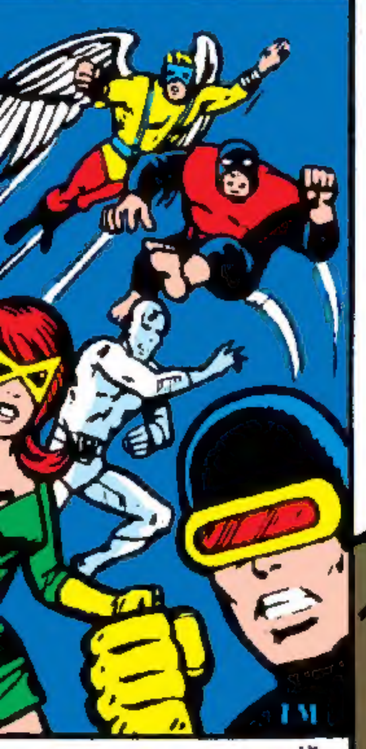

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ON THE WINGS OF DEATH!

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X-MEN THE MOST UNUSUAL FIGHTING TEAM OF ALL TIME!™

MONSTERS ALSO WEEP!

FROM OUT OF THE EAST... THE WINGED, REPTILIAN MENACE CALLED SAURON... ONCE-HUMAN EMBODIMENT OF ALL THAT IS HIDDEN... MYSTERIOUS ... EVIL!

FROM OUT OF THE WEST... THE VENGEFUL, HIGH-FLYING MUTANT KNOWN AS THE ANGEL!

AND NOW, IN THE SHROUDED SEA OF NIGHT... A SINGLE, STARTLED CRY...!

YOUR EYES!

YOUR EYES...!!

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WHAT...? THAT FLYING CREEP IN THE FRIGHT-MASK...

HE'S... GONE!!

BUT, WHAT'S TAKEN HIS PLACE...IS A THOUSAND TIMES WORSE!

MONSTERS... THREE OF THEM... AND EACH ONE UGLIER THAN THE REST!

AND...THEY'RE SWOOPING STRAIGHT AT ME!

TO COIN A PHRASE... WHAT IN BLAZES IS GOIN' ON HERE??

FLY, ANGEL! FLAP THOSE SOARING, SKY-BORN WINGS... AND PERHAPS YOU MAY LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND OUT..!

SNAP!

MANAGED TO DODGE THE FIRST ONE!

GOOD THING! THOSE JAWS COULD SNAP A TANK IN TWO!

BUT... OUT OF THE FRYING PAN...!

MAYBE I'M OUTTA MY SKULL...

BUT I'VE GOTTA TEST THIS THING OUT!

HUH? THAT OVER-GROWN MANTIS MISSED ME, TOO... EXCEPT FOR MY RIGHT WING!

THEN...WHY DIDN'T I FEEL ANYTHING?

IF I'M RIGHT... I'LL HAVE PART OF THE ANSWER TO THIS ZOO-KEEPER'S NIGHTMARE!

IF I'M WRONG ...SCRATCH ONE X-MAN!

I LUCKED OUT!

WITH MY WINGS AT FULL SPREAD, I DARTED RIGHT THRU THE THREE OF 'EM!

THAT MEANS... THEY'RE NOT REALLY THERE!!

THEN... WHY DO I STILL *SEE* 'EM?

ARE THEY JUST *ILLUSIONS*... CAUSED BY THAT LIZARD-FACED *THIEF?*

OR... WAS *HE* JUST AN IMAGE, *TOO?*

SURE... *THAT'S* IT! *MIRRORS!* SOMEBODY'S FIGHTING ME WITH... *MIRRORS!*

AND, SINCE BRUSHING MY *WINGS* THRU 'EM DIDN'T SEEM TO FAZE THEM...

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I SOAR RIGHT INTO THAT ONE'S GAPING *JAWS!*

GANGWAY, GRUESOME... *HERE I COME!!*

I DID IT!! ALL *THREE* OF THEM ARE DOING A *FADE-OUT!*

TOO BAD *CYKE* AND THE OTHERS AREN'T HERE TO SEE ME IN MY MOMENT OF *GLORY!*

THEN *ENJOY* THAT BRIEF TASTE OF TRIUMPH, MUTANT ...FOR IT SHALL BE YOUR *LAST!*

HUH? WHO..??

THE GUY IN THE MASK!

SO YOU WERE FOR REAL, ANYWAY!

MORE REAL THAN YOU DARE IMAGINE, MUTANT!

FOR, I AM NOT MASKED... AND MY NAME IS... SAURON!

SAURON!! HE WHO WAS BORN THAT FATEFUL DAY, WHEN A FRANTIC SEARCH BECAME A DREADED DEATH-STRUGGLE BETWEEN PRIMORDIAL REPTILES ...AND A SMALL, FRIGHTENED BOY..!*

FOR, DURING THE NIGHT WHICH FOLLOWED, THAT BOY DISCOVERED BOTH A DESPERATE NEED... AND A TERRIFYING POWER... IN THE ABILITY TO DRAIN ENERGY FROM THE BODIES OF LIVING THINGS...!

STILL, IT WAS NOT THE NEED FOR ENERGY, BUT THE NEED FOR WEALTH THAT DROVE THE YOUTH OVER THE BRINK... FOR NOTHING BUT RICHES COULD EARN THE HAND OF THE GIRL HE LOVED... THE GIRL HE HAD SAVED!

AND SO, ON THIS NIGHT, KARL LYKOS HAD TAKEN THE FINAL STEP... DRAINED THE MUTANT ENERGY OF SCOTT'S BROTHER ALEX ...AND BECOME A CAREENING, CLAWING CREATURE OF DARKNESS...

...A CREATURE WHICH MUST HAVE MUTANT ENERGY... MORE MUTANT ENERGY... IF IT IS TO GO ON LIVING...!!

*AS DRAMATICALLY DEPICTED IN OUR PREVIOUS ISSUE! ...STAN.

COME, MUTANT... FOLLOW ME THRU THE INS AND OUTS OF THESE BUSTLING BRIDGE-APPROACHES!

LEARN JUST HOW SUPERIOR TO YOU IS SAURON!

"MENTAL BOMBARD-MENT"?

YOUR POWERS ARE AS NOTHING... COMPARED TO MINE!

AND, WHEN I HAVE FINISHED TOYING WITH YOU, I SHALL...

AAARRHH!

KLAK!

MORE OF THE MUTANTS WHO ARE CALLED...THE X-MEN!

THEY MUST HAVE FOLLOWED THE ANGEL...THRU MEANS OF THEIR OWN!

MY OPTIC-BLAST SHOOK HIM UP...

BUT, WHAT-EVER HE IS... HE'S STILL ALOFT!

LET ME TRY, SCOTT...

...WITH MENTAL BOMBARD-MENT!

SOME HYPNOTIC LIGHT... BLAZING FROM HIS EYES...!

LIGHT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, GIRL?

ARE YOU BLIND? CAN'T YOU SEE?

IT'S BLINDING... DAZZLING...LIKE A...

OHHHH!

WHAT'S WRONG, JEANIE?

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE SEEING A GHOST!

I SUSPECT THAT SHE'S VIEWING THREE OF THEM, CYKE...

...AND THAT THEIR NAMES ARE ICEMAN, CYCLOPS ...AND BEAST!!

WHAT A *JEST!* WHAT A MAMMOTH, MISANTHROPIC *JEST!!*

MY NEW FORM *MAGNIFIES* MY FORMER ABILITY TO *HYPNOTIZE!*

NOW, I NEED MERELY CATCH MY VICTIM'S *EYE*... TO BRING HIM UNDER MY *POWER!*

POK!

WHILE YOU'RE BUSY DEVELOPING ALL THOSE *SUPER-POWERS,* PLUG-UGLY...

WHY DON'T YOU *ALSO* ENROLL IN A *MEMORY COURSE?*

YOU *FORGOT* ALL ABOUT LITTLE OL' *ANGEL!*

HAH! WHAT DOES *THAT* MATTER...

...WHEN I CAN GRASP YOU WITH MY *FEET,* AS EASILY AS WITH MY *HANDS?*

I GOT *CARE-LESS!*

AND, HIS *GRIP* IS... LIKE COLD, CLAMMY *STEEL!*

YOU'VE *MORTIFIED* MY BIRD-LIKE BUDDY *LONG ENOUGH,* FRIEND!

KRAK!

MMMMFF!

SO...THE BLUDGEONING *BEAST* WISHES TO LEND AN AMPLE HAND, DOES HE?

HEY...THAT HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF ONE OF *MY* LOQUACIOUS LINES!

FOOLS! YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF *WHOM*, YOU BATTLE!

THAT'S FOR *SURE*...EXCEPT THAT HE KNOWS HIS *GRAMMAR!*

AND, NOW THAT YOU'RE IN JUST THE RIGHT *POSITION*...

TAKE 'IM, ICEMAN!!

DO YOU HOPE TO FOOL *SAURON* WITH YOUR FEEBLE TRICKS?

THERE IS *NOBODY* BEHIND MEEEEEEEEEE

JUST CALL ME *NOBODY*, BATWING!

BY THE WAY, THAT'S QUITE A PAIR OF *TENOR TONSILS* YOU'VE GOT THERE!

THE *COLD!* AGAIN...THE *COLD..!*

EVEN *BEFORE* I WAS WHAT I *AM*...

I *LOATHED* THE COLD!

I *MUST* BE RID OF IT... I *MUST!*

AND SO... I SHALL!!

KRAAK!

HE BROKE FREE!

SHATTERED MY ICE-SLIDE!

I'LL *FALL..!*

I'VE GOT YOU, ICE-MAN!

AND I'LL GET SAURON...

...OR KNOW THE REASON WHY!

WHILE, BACK AT THE OFFICE OF DR. LYKOS, A PHONE CLAMORS HARSHLY... BUT ALEX SUMMERS DOES NOT HEAR IT...!

BRRING!

BAH! I TIRE OF THIS WEARISOME STRUGGLE!

ONE FINAL MANEUVER TO DEMONSTRATE MY SUPERIORITY...

...AND I SHALL FLY AWAY AT SPEEDS YOU NEVER DREAMED OF...

AND THEN, AS IF STIRRED BY THE INSISTENT RINGING...A DAZED EYELID FLUTTERS...!

BRRING!

WAIT!

WHAT...IS HAPPENING ...TO ME..??

I'M CHANGING... CHANGING BACK INTO WHAT I WAS!

KLIK!

BUT, IF I DO... I'LL FALL TO MY DEATH!!

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HE SWOOPED UNDER *HERE!* MAYBE I CAN...

HOLY HANNAH!

DO YOU FIND ME EVEN *MORE* REPULSIVE IN MY *PRESENT* STATE, MUTANT?

DO YOU??

I *DARE NOT* RETRIEVE THE LOOT I *STOLE* TONIGHT!..

BUT, ONLY MY *ESCAPE* MATTERS NOW...

AN ESCAPE WHICH *YOU* SHALL PROVIDE...DO YOU *UNDERSTAND?*

YES.. I...I UNDER STAND...!

DID YOU SEE WHERE THEY *WENT,* DAUNTLESS LEADER?

THEY SWOOPED BENEATH THAT *ROADWAY*...

...AND NEVER *EMERGED* AGAIN!

OH, *SCOTT*... IF ANYTHING'S *HAPPENED* TO WARREN..!

NOTHING... HAS HAPPENED... TO ME...!

WHAT IN THE NAME OF *SANITY*..?

ANGEL MUST HAVE *WON* THAT FIGHT... BUT *NOW*...

HE'S *FLYING OFF* WITH OUR FOE... *HELPING HIM* **ESCAPE!!**

DON'T *WORRY,* MY NEW-FOUND FRIENDS...YOU SHALL BE SEEING *SAURON* AGAIN...VERY *SOON*...

...IN THAT HOUR WHEN YOU *DIE* TO PROVIDE HIM WITH RAW *MUTANT ENERGY!*

BUT FOR NOW, I MUST RETURN TO MY OFFICE... AND *ALEX SUMMERS!*

HE MUSTN'T BE ALLOWED TO *DIE*...NOT *NOW!*

YOU MAY *LEAVE* ME NOW, ANGEL!

BUT YOU WILL REMEMBER *NOTHING* OF WHERE YOU HAVE *BEEN!*

YOU SHALL HEAR *AGAIN* FROM *KARL LYKOS!!*

KARL... IS THAT *YOU*..?

EH? SOMEONE IN THE *THERAPY ROOM!*

IF IT'S MY MEDDLING *NURSE*...OR ANYONE WHO MIGHT GUESS WHAT I'VE BEEN *DOING*...!

KARL! WHY DIDN'T YOU *ANSWER?*

TANYA!

I THOUGHT... YOU WERE STILL IN *SCARSDALE*, MY DARLING!

YOU KNOW THAT YOUR FATHER HAS *FORBIDDEN* YOU TO SEE ME...!

I...I *HAD* TO COME, DEAR KARL!

I *PHONED* YOU FROM MY HOTEL... BUT THERE WAS...*NO ANSWER!*

SUDDENLY, I HAD A *FEAR*...A *PREMO-NITION!*..

...THAT SOMETHING *DREADFUL* HAD HAPPENED TO YOU... THAT YOU *NEEDED* ME...AND I WASN'T *THERE!*

...AH... A *LIGHT'S* STILL BURNING!

THEN, DR. LYKOS MUST STILL BE *TREATING* YOUR BROTHER, SCOTT!

I STILL WISH WE'D HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK FOR *ANGEL* FIRST...!

SCOTT... DO YOU *REALLY* THINK... WARREN WAS UNDER OUR ENEMY'S *CONTROL?*

IT'S ONLY A *HUNCH*, JEAN... FOR *NOW!*

FIRST, LET'S SEE ABOUT TAKING *ALEX* HOME!

...YOU'RE *OUTASITE*, DOC!

REMIND ME TO GET *SICK* AGAIN, REAL *SOON!*

JUST DON'T FORGET YOUR *APPOINTMENT* NEXT WEEK, SO THAT---

ALEX!

YOU'RE *ALL RIGHT!*

KARL...WHO *ARE* THESE INTRUDERS, *BURSTING IN* THIS WAY?

SOME NEWFOUND *FRIENDS*, TANYA!

SOON, I HOPE, THEY SHALL BE... VERY *CLOSE* FRIENDS!

YOU LOOK *GREAT*, ALEX!

WHAT ON EARTH DID THE DOCTOR *DO* TO YOU?

YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK *HIM* ABOUT THAT, BROTHER MINE!

I'VE NEVER BEEN AS *PROUD* OF YOU AS I AM *THIS* NIGHT, DEAR KARL!

I SHALL BE SO *HAPPY* TO BE CALLED... YOUR *WIFE*...!

THAT'S *IMPOSSIBLE*, TANYA!

YOU KNOW THAT YOUR *FATHER* WOULD NEVER ALLOW---

FOR ONCE, YOU SPEAK THE *TRUTH*, KARL LYKOS!

I WAS UNDER *HYPNOSIS* THE WHOLE TIME, REMEMBER?

BUT, *WHATEVER* IT WAS, HE GOT RID OF MOST OF THAT ...*EXCESS ENERGY* THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME!

THE MAN IS A *CHARLATAN* ...A *FRAUD*... AND HE SHALL DIE A *PAUPER!*

DOCTOR ANDERSSEN!

PAPA...THEN, YOU *FOLLOWED* ME...EVEN *HERE!*

I WOULD FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE *EARTH*, DAUGHTER---

...TO STOP YOU FROM MARRYING ONE WHO IS *NOT WORTHY* OF YOU!

I WILL *NOT* HAVE YOU SHARE THAT FATE! *I WILL NOT!*

I AM OF *AGE* NOW, FATHER!

IF KARL *WANTS* ME, I SHALL...

NO!

I *CAN'T* MARRY YOU... I *WON'T* MARRY YOU!

...NOT WHILE THE SHADOW OF *WEALTH* FALLS BETWEEN US

NOW YOU ARE BEING *SENSIBLE*, KARL!

THAT MAKES YOU A MUCH *BIGGER MAN* IN MY EYES!

...AND A GREATER *FOOL*...IN *MINE*..!

YOU DON'T *UNDERSTAND* NOW, TANYA ...BUT YOU *WILL!*

SOON, I'LL HAVE *WEALTH* AT MY DISPOSAL... AND *POWER*...

...POWER ENOUGH TO *TAKE* AND *HOLD* WHAT IS MINE!

YOU'RE RAVING LIKE A *MADMAN!*

TANYA...YOU'RE COMING *HOME* WITH ME...TO *SCARSDALE!*

YOU WILL *NEVER* SEE THIS MAN AGAIN...DO YOU *HEAR?*

YES... I HEAR..!

SLAM!

ER...IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE INTRUDED UPON A SOMEWHAT *PERSONAL* DISPUTE, LITTLE BUDDIES!

I'M...*SORRY* IF WE GOT IN THE *WAY*, DOC!

JUST WANTED TO STICK AROUND TO *THANK* YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE *DONE* FOR ME!

...AND TO ASK *HOW MUCH*..!?

I'LL... SEND YOU MY BILL...!

WHAT A BITTER, TORMENTED *MAN* KARL LYKOS MUST BE!

YES, MY DEAR UNSUSPECTING *MUTANTS*... I'LL SEND YOU MY *BILL!*

KLIK!

BUT, IT SHALL BE A BILL SUCH AS *NO MAN* HAS EVER PAID BEFORE!

IT SHALL BE A BILL TO FULFILL MY WILDEST *DREAMS!*

...AND MAKE *REAL* YOUR MOST VIVID *NIGHTMARES!!*

...DO YOU MEAN, LORNA, THAT *ANGEL* HERE JUST SOARED IN THRU THE *KITCHEN WINDOW*...

...LIKE THE PRIME *PIGEON* IN SOME *DETERGENT* COMMER-CIAL?

AND THAT HE'S BEEN SITTING THERE *BLANK-EYED* EVER SINCE?

NOW *YOU* KNOW AS MUCH AS *I* DO, BEAST!

WHICH ISN'T *MUCH*, SINCE HIS *CAPTOR* SEEMS TO HAVE FLOWN THE COOP!

STRANGE... HE SEEMS ALMOST, AS THOUGH HE'S *HYPNO-TIZED*...!

HYPNOTIZED? *HEY!* MAYBE *DR. LYKOS* COULD HELP *HIM*, TOO!

LYKOS?!

NO... *NO!* DON'T LET HIM *NEAR* ME!

I MUST GET *AWAY*... I *MUST*..!!

THIS WILL AGGRIEVE *YOUR* NERVE ENDINGS MORE THAN *MINE*, WARREN...

STOP!

UHHNNNH!

BUT, AS GOES THE APHORISM... YOU'LL *THANK* ME ONE FINE DAY!

...I *HOPE!*

...WE'D BEST BRING LYKOS *HERE*... AS THE *X-MEN!*

MEANWHILE, HERE ARE *PROF. X'S NOTES!*

LORNA AND I'LL LOOK THRU THEM, FOR *INFO* ON... *KARL LYKOS!*

JUST SEE THAT THAT'S *ALL* YOU DO, FRIEND!

LORNA'S *MY* CHICK, REMEMBER!

I'M *NOBODY'S* PROPERTY, BOBBY... EXCEPT MY *OWN!*

BUT, THIS IS NEITHER THE *TIME* NOR *PLACE* TO TALK ABOUT *THAT!*

SOME TIME LATER, WHILE THE MANTLE OF *NIGHT* STILL HANGS HEAVY OVER THE EARTH...

ALEX... I THINK I'VE *FOUND* SOMETHING!

THE X-MEN MUST HAVE *MISSED* THIS PASSAGE IN THEIR TEACHER'S *NOTEBOOKS!*

IT STATES, THAT, WHILE *WORKING* WITH HIM, XAVIER DISCOVERED THAT *KARL LYKOS* WAS...

...SOMETHING CALLED... A *NON-MUTANT VARIANT!*

ALEX?

HE'S FALLEN *ASLEEP*, THE POOR GUY... AND *SMALL WONDER!*

OF *ALL* US MUTANTS, HIS IS THE *GREATEST* POWER... THE MOST *TERRIBLE* POWER!

INCLUDING, IT WOULD APPEAR, A CERTAIN POWER OVER LITTLE LORNA'S *HEART!*

WAIT! THAT *SOUND* BEHIND ME!

IS IT JUST *WARREN* STIRRING, OR...?

THANK YOU FOR MUSING ALOUD THAT YOU ARE A *MUTANT*, GIRL!

DR. *KARL LYKOS* THANKS YOU...

...AND SO DOES... *SAURON!!*

OHHHHH

SHE'S UN-CONSCIOUS!

IT'S JUST AS WELL!

WITH THE ENERGY GAINED FROM HER... AND FROM THE TWO WHO SLEEP...

I AM PREPARED TO BEGIN THE FINAL ACT OF THIS MACABRE DRAMA!

I SHALL WAIT... NO LONGER!

KR-RRIINK!

THEN, THE MANY MILES ARE AS ONE... AND THE EVIL-CRAZED SAURON KNOWS NO SOUND, TILL HE HEARS HIS OWN VOICE ABOVE THE SHATTERING OF GLASS...!

YOU HAVE OPPOSED FOR THE LAST TIME, ANDERSSEN!

NOW, MAKE READY TO DIE...

...AT THE TALONED HAND OF ...SAURON!

THAT VOICE... I KNOW IT!

IT'S THE VOICE OF... KARL LYKOS!

BUT...HE'S CHANGED...

...BECOME SOME-THING...UNSPEAKABLY HORRIBLE...!

PLEASE FORGIVE THE DISNEY-BORN ADAGE, MISS...

BUT, IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT SOMEONE..!

AARRAHH!

BOK!

THE X-MEN!

SINCE YOUR OFFICE WAS DESERTED---WE RUSHED HERE!

---AND ARRIVED IN THE NICKEL OF TIME!

THAT THING WOULD HAVE MURDERED DR. ANDERSSEN!

SPLOOMP!

MURDER? YES---YES, I WOULD HAVE KILLED HIM!

HOW COULD TANYA HAVE LOOKED AT ME AGAIN---IF I HAD DESTROYED HER FATHER?

I HADN'T REALIZED TILL NOW---HOW FULLY THE EVIL SIDE OF ME---IS IN COMMAND!

MUST GO AWAY SOMEPLACE--- WHERE NONE CAN EVER FIND ME---!

LOOKS LIKE LYKOS HAD A BATTLE WITH HIMSELF---

AND THE GOOD SIDE WON ---FOR NOW!

BUT...WHERE COULD HE BE GOING, TANYA?

I...I DON'T KNOW!

I DO KNOW... I DO!

BUT, NO ONE MUST FIND HIM---

---BEFORE THE GIRL WHO LOVES HIM!

NO ONE!!

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IT'S BECOMING COLDER... *COLDER!*

BUT, I *MUST* GO ON... *I MUST!*

HOUR AFTER WEARYING *HOUR*...

THOUGH THE TERRAIN BELOW BE *OCEAN*...OR SNOW-CAPPED *PEAK*...

I MUST REACH *TIERRA DEL FUEGO!*

NOW, MY *ENERGY* ...IS NEARLY *GONE!*

I'M *CHANGING*... LOSING *ALTITUDE!*

BUT... THERE *BELOW* ME...!

I AM HERE!

MY FATHER'S OLD *CABIN*... THAT PLACE WHERE I WAS *BORN!*

IT WAS *HERE* THAT MY LIFE *BEGAN*...

HERE THAT I FIRST MET THE LOVELY GIRL CALLED *TANYA*...

...AND *HERE* THAT MY LIFE MUST *END!*

I DON'T KNOW WHAT *FATE* MADE ME A STEALING, SLAYING *FREAK*...

BUT I MUST *NEVER* AGAIN MENACE THE GIRL I *LOVE!*

KARL LYKOS HAS COME HOME... TO *DIE!*

BUT, DEATH COMES *SLOWLY*...EVEN IN THE SNOW-SWEPT HEIGHTS...

CAN'T RESIST *CLINGING* TO LIFE!

THE END WILL COME *QUICKLY* ENOUGH!

SOON, I'LL NEED ENERGY.. *HUMAN* ENERGY...AND THERE WILL *BE* NONE..!

...A FULL *DAY* NOW... I GROW *WEAKER*... *COLDER*..!

BEFORE LONG, THE *BLACKNESS* WILL COME... AND *THEN*...

KARL...!

NO!

OH, GOOD LORD... *NO!*

IT'S *TANYA!* SHE'S.. *FOUND* ME..!

OH, KARL... THANK HEAVEN I REACHED YOU BEFORE THE *OTHERS!*

BUT... WHY DO YOU *STARE* SO WILDLY AT ME, MY DARLING?

TANYA, GET... GET *BACK!*

I'M SO *RAVENOUS*... THAT ONE *TOUCH*... MIGHT MEAN HER *DEATH!*

AND YET, SHE'S SO *YOUNG*... SO ALIVE WITH VIBRANT *ENERGY*... ENERGY THAT--

DEAR LORD ...WHAT AM I THINKING OF??

KARL... DON'T *RUN!* THE *CLIFF...!*

I'D HAVE *DESTROYED* HER... MERELY TO ENDURE A FEW MOMENTS MORE OF A *LIFE ACCURSED!*

THERE'S ONLY *ONE* WAY OUT... I *KNOW* THAT NOW!

A WAY I MUST *TAKE!*

KARL!!

MY *ICE SHIELD* STOPPED HER!

BUT, WE WERE *TOO LATE* TO SAVE *...HIM!*

THE *COLD!* HE ALWAYS *HATED* THE COLD!

AND NOW... IT'S TAKEN HIM *FROM* ME...!

I'LL HOLD THE SHIELD IN PLACE *MENTALLY*, SCOTT!

BUT IF ONLY SHE'D *LED* US HERE... SO WE NEEDN'T HAVE *FOLLOWED* HER..!

MAYBE IT'S *BEST* THIS WAY, JEAN!

TWO BEINGS STRUGGLED FOR SUPREMACY WITHIN KARL LYKOS... ONE OF THEM A *MONSTER!*

BUT, IT WAS THE *MAN* WHO WON OUT --- EVEN IN *DEATH!*

AND SOME-HOW... WE MUST FIND *STRENGTH* IN THAT...!

NEXT: INTO THE ABYSS!